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(S/NF) INR/B ANALYSTS GREATLY APPRECIATE THE EXCELLENT BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING IN RECENT MONTHS ON BEN ALI'S SON-IN-LAW SAKHR EL-MATRI. REF CABLES INCLUDED RICH DETAILS AND PROVIDED INSIGHTFUL INFORMATION ABOUT MATRI. ANALYSTS APPRECIATE THE SPECIFICITY OF THE INFORMATION IN REF A, INCLUDING MATRI'S REACTIONS TO US INTERLOCUTORS, RECENT ACTIVITIES, AND PERSONAL HABITS, AND THE NEWS OF HIS NEWBORN CHILD. WE DRAW HEAVILY ON THIS STREAM OF REPORTING TO WRITE DETAILED ASSESSMENTS OF LEADERS FOR POLICYMAKERS. MANY THANKS, AND REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.

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